U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CATHERINA L. JONES <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, San Diego, CA

Docket No. 03-1530; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 19, 2003

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant established that she sustained bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome causally related to her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the January 30, 2003 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 30, 2003 and October 21, 2002 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC August 19, 2003

> David S. Gerson Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member